Kentucky Library Association KDE Representative Report

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Report:

The proposal to update *Beyond Proficiency: Achieving a Distinguished Library Media Program* has made its way through the Division of Curriculum Development (Division Director's approval) and the Office of Teaching and Learning (Associate Commissioner's approval). Next stop: Bureau of Learning and Results Services (Deputy Commissioner's approval). The Associate Commissioner will take it to the Deputy Commissioner next. I have been frustrated at the slow process, but hopeful since each step of the way has met with approval. A copy of the basic proposal is included with this report, although a five page, detailed justification for the proposal has been submitted by me to KDE decision-makers, including a small budget request.

Recent Conferences and meetings attended:

- KY Reading Association Conference
- KYVL revision planning
- KYVL Advisory Council
- AASL Conference (North Carolina)
- KY K-12 English/Language Arts Common Core Standards Work Group

I will be co-presenting with Laura Younkin (Ballard High School librarian/2009 KSMA Outstanding School Media Librarian) at the Kentucky School Boards' Association annual meeting in January, 2010. Session title: "The Library Media Center: A School's Common Wealth."

The Library section of the KDE website has been updated and moved to an easier to access location. The link is: http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Library+Media/. The web page also includes a new feature: "KY School Library Media News." This is a quarterly newsletter that will be archived on the site. I've also submitted two article ideas about school librarians to Kentucky Teacher for upcoming issues.

Several district presidents and KET consultants have provided me with current names of librarians so that I can create an **LMS email distribution list**. We have approximately 1250 librarians that will be included on that distribution list.

Tight budget constraints at KDE have prevented me from doing any type of school visits, although I've received many requests.